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Highway in the Sky plans start in Romulus

City of Romulus officials are among those crafting the future of an air-traffic route for drones as plans for the first highway for autonomous aircraft in the nation near completion.

The corridor, which could include sky taxis sometime in the future, will begin with a route between Ann Arbor and Detroit, is a concern of Aerotropolis Corporation leaders and aviation officials, along with Romulus Director of Fire Services and Emergency Management Chief Kevin Krause. While autonomous aircraft carrying passengers as well as freight may be in the future, the need for regulations, permissions and traffic management is being crafted now.

Three phases of development of the highway in the sky are currently predicted by Aerotropolis Executive Director Christopher Girdwood and Krause.

"We are working to build three industries that have a growing partnership with the Detroit Metro Airport," Girdwood said in a recent interview with Chronicle Tech News. "The state of Michigan wanted to see industry, not residential new construction around the airport. So we are working with transport and logistics, then advanced manufacturing, and finally with mobility" to create new industry connected with air traffic around Detroit Metro.

> *This is the biggest apparent challenge: mapping out who is where and what has approval to fly. It's an entire new infrastructure.*

Girdwood said that the highways in the sky are being planned across the country but the Detroit Metro route, at the 18th busiest airport in the country will be more complicated than others. Plans are to first allow drones to fly in permitted spaces, something that is currently in place, Krause said. Drones are often sent ahead to a fire to inspect the scene and send back information and images to approaching fire trucks.

"They feed high-res video to the fire engine," Krause said. This technology will be expanded as more drones are used by public safety officers throughout the area, he noted.

Officials agree that utilizing drones to deliver needed or emergency materials and parts to manufacturers could be a savings of both time and money.

Girdwood said this use, on a regular sky route, is about three to five years in the future.He said that package delivery by drone aircraft is about seven to 10 years ahead as it will take that amount of time to complete the necessary infrastructure. The logistics of delivering packages like those from Amazon will have to travel across unpredictable terrain and through mapped air space. Krause noted that mapping airspace has to be done in a separate dimension, which creates a challenge.

"We're asking you to tilt your head up and find a way point in the sky," Krause explained. "Uber Eats can struggle with the last 100 feet of mapping delivering food to your door. How do we plot that extra dimension?" The reason it could take so long is that the tech is still being developed to safely map air spaces for these complex uses that expand into the business sector," Krause said.

This air delivery system isn't

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League of Women Voters condemns violence

Julie Brown
Special Writer

Paula Bowman, president of the League of Women Voters (LWV) of Northwest Wayne County, is proud of the efforts or the organization to educate voters. Those include a print voter guide distributed last fall for the Nov. 3 general election along with the Vote411.org online site.

The Jan. 6 insurrection at the U.S. Capitol prompted the national League of Women voters to issue a statement specifically naming Donald Trump, an unusual move:

"Today the League of Women Voters of the United States president Dr. Deborah Turner, CEO Virginia Kase, and the full board of directors issued the following statement in response to the violent demonstrations at the U.S. Capitol:

"This is a dark day in the history of the United States of America. Today's activity on Capitol Hill should have been a procedural exercise to finalize the 2020 election. Instead, our nation's Capitol was attacked by domestic terrorists seeking to invalidate the will of the people.

> *The actions by these terrorists have had no impact on the results of the election.*

"The actions by these terrorists have had no impact on the results of the election. This violent mob was encouraged by an outgoing president who lost re-election in a free and fair election.

"Donald Trump has emboldened and empowered violent agitators, perpetuated dangerous conspiracy theories, and dishonored the office of the President. Furthermore, the members of Congress who continuously lie to the American people about the proven legitimacy of this election are also responsible for today's horrific events. There is blood on their hands.

"The League of Women Voters of the United States calls on President Donald Trump to concede the election immediately. We call on all members of Congress to respect the certification process, condemn the actions of these terrorists, and support a peaceful inauguration on Jan. 20."

Bowman, a Plymouth Township resident, lets the national statement stand.

"It is a national issue," she said Jan. 7. "One of our missions is defending democracy. This is a very divided country."

She notes some individuals disregard "the Constitution or general ethical conditions. We have a lot of work ahead of us as does the new administration."

The League of Women Voters, founded in 1920, doesn't endorse candidates or issues. The LWV of Northwest Wayne County distributed some 2,200 printed voter guides last fall to libraries and senior centers, also sending questionnaires to candidates for the online guide.

Viewership of Vote411 online was 48,828 for the com-

Paula Bowman

munities in the Northwest Wayne League.

This past fall, the LWV of Northwest Wayne County hosted several candidate forums, including for the 11th District of U.S. Congress.

School board and township board candidates were also invited to forums. Bowman noted in-person forums in the

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City of Inkster and police sued for $160 million

The City of Inkster and two former Inkster Police Department detectives have been sued for $160 million by two men who were incarcerated for more than 20 years before being cleared of murder charges by a special unit of the Wayne County prosecutor' office.

Attorney Wolf Mueller filed the federal civil rights lawsuit last week on behalf of Kevin Harrington and George Clark claiming their constitutional rights were violated by the misconduct two former Inkster detectives investigating a fatal shooting in 2002. Both men had steadfastly insisted on their innocence during their incarceration and in the lawsuit claim that they were "seized without probable cause, charged with crimes they did not commit, wrongfully convicted and deprived of their liberty." They are each seeking $80 million in compensatory damages in the suit in addition to the state award of $850,000 or $50,000 for each month they spent in prison.

> *The CIU investigation has established that Mr. Harrington and Mr. Clark did not receive a fair trial.*

Investigators from the Conviction Integrity Unit of the office of Wayne County Prosecuting Attorney Kym Worthy cited a "disturbing pattern of behavior" from a former Inkster detective in the case. That 6-month investigation in 2019 and 2020 found the lead detective had coerced and threatened witnesses which "impacted the integrity of the verdict."

"The CIU investigation has established that Mr. Harrington and Mr. Clark did not receive a fair trial as a result of the conduct of the original lead detective."

That April report suggested the Inkster Police Department request an investigation of the case by an outside agency. Police Chief William Riley said he requested the Michigan State Police handle the matter. A spokesman from the state police confirmed there is an ongoing investigation but refused any further comment.

Despite there being no physical evidence against the men, Harrington was tried four times, twice the cases ended without a verdict. The first member of his family to attend college, Harrington said he never earned the business degree he was working toward because of his incarceration.

Clark, 49, said that prior to his arrest, he was the sole caretaker for his mother who died while he was in prison. He also said that the 17 years he was imprisoned kept him from seeing his children grow to adulthood.

Former Inkster detectives Anthony Abdallah and Kevin Smith are named as defendants in the lawsuit which claims the two coerced and threatened witnesses into falsely implicating Clark and Harrington in the 2002 shooting death of Inkster resident Michael Martin whose body was discovered Sept. 27, 2002 in a field near the Parkside Apartments. The 26-page complaint claims that the two detectives interrogated a woman who lived nearby for more than five hours and threatened her with arrest and the loss of her children if she continued to deny

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Inkster - Romulus

City wins 3rd consecutive development award

The City of Romulus has again been recognized for dedication to entrepreneurial growth and economic development through the annual eCities study conducted by researchers at iLabs, the University of Michigan-Dearborn Center for Innovation Research. This marks the third consecutive year that Romulus has received five stars, the highest possible ranking.

"Receiving a five-star rating in the eCities report during a year of unforeseen challenges brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic is a testament to our city's resiliency and continued dedication to making Romulus a home of opportunity," said Romulus Mayor LeRoy Burcroff. "The future is bright in Romulus and we are looking forward to another successful year of economic and business growth in 2021."

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Despite the onset of COVID-19, Romulus has managed to see significant economic development advances and wins, Burcroff noted. Since March 2020, the city has brought in 12 new businesses, for a total of 27 new businesses since January 2020. The city has a number of resources and initiatives available to spur economic development and support local businesses. Among those is the FAST TRACK program, which streamlines business reviews, planning and creates a business-friendly permit process. The 850,000-square-foot Amazon development in Romulus is one that benefitted from the FAST TRACK program, as did the Kroger fulfillment center announced in September.

The City of Romulus is also part of the Detroit Regional Aerotropolis Development Corporation-a four-community, public-private economic development partnership with the Wayne County Airport Authority. Aerotropolis is designated as a Next Michigan Development Corporation, meaning it is authorized to provide special economic development incentives, which in turn drives investment and boosts Romulus' economy. Recent developments, including Amazon and Penske, have taken advantage of Aerotropolis' incentives and created hundreds of local jobs.

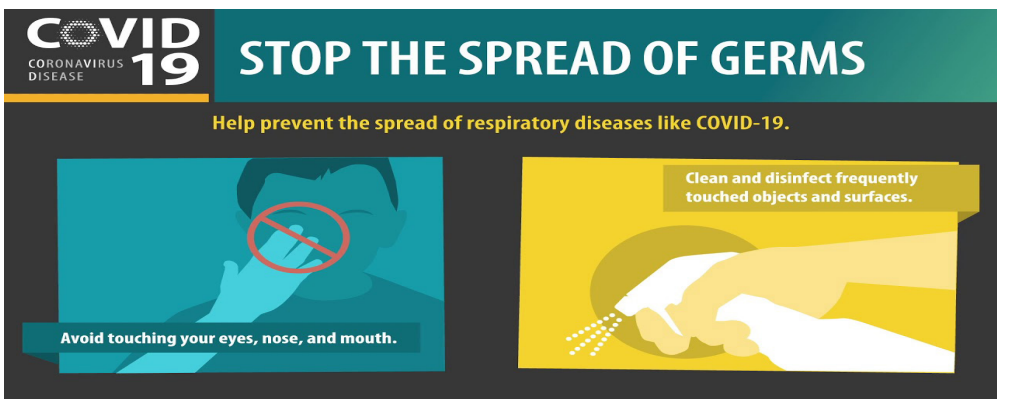
The annual eCities study analyzed publicly available data from 277 communities in 54 counties in Michigan. Researchers focused on the five-year changes in property values, community assets and tax rates, which can demonstrate the growth, investments and cost of doing business within the community. Although accounting for less than 20 percent of state cities and townships, the 277 communities analyzed are home to 70 percent of the Michigan population and 87 percent of state commercial property.

Mayor LeRoy Burcroff

The City of Romulus serves more than 23,000 residents and 700 businesses, with a daytime population of more than 51,500 due to large-scale operations of the Detroit Metropolitan Airport.

Special salute

The first recipient of the Romulus Police Department Officer of the Quarter Award is Ofc. C. Reyna. Reyna is a long-time resident of Romulus and has taken giving back to the next level, officials said in announcing his selection for the honor on the Romulus Police Facebook page. In addition to his tenacity in protecting the citizens, he is equally involved in mentoring the youth of Romulus, one of his attributes which contributed to his selection for the honor, officials said.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Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

Murder investigation continues

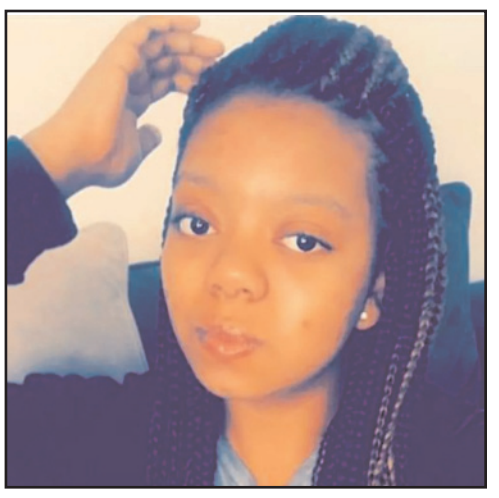
The family of a murdered woman is appealing to the public for help in finding the person who took her life.

Alyssa Powell, 20, was found slumped over the wheel of her car the evening of Dec. 23 as it was parked near Beech and Manning in Inkster. She was killed by a gunshot wound to her head, according to Michigan State Police officials.

Inkster police and Michigan State Police detectives say the investigation is in "early stages and have no motive for the killing. Powell was a resident of Redford but had a great many friends in Inkster, according to her family. A GoFundMe account has been established for the family to help defray the cost of retrieving her body from the Wayne County Morgue.

Melissa Dubose, Powell's mother, described her daughter as "loving and caring. Loved kids and everyone. We need answers and help to bury her so she doesn't continue to sit there."

Detectives are looking for leads in the investigation, according to Det. Sgt. Sean Street with Michigan State Police.



Alyssa Powell

Anyone with information about the shooting is asked to contact the state police or leave a tip with Crime Stoppers at 1-800-Speak-Up. Callers can remain anonymous.

CITY OF ROMULUS
ORDINANCE NO. 2020-006

ORDINANCES TO AMEND CHAPTER 8 BUILDINGS AND BUILDING REGULATIONS, ARTICLE II, SECTION(S) 8-20, 8-212, 8-230(a), & 8-246 of the CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE CITY OF ROMULUS.

THE CITY OF ROMULUS ORDAINS:

Chapter 8 Section(s) 8-20, 8-212, 8-230(a), & 8-246 are amended as follows:

Sec. 8-20. – Enforcement and Penalty
Sec. 8-212. – Interactional Property Maintenance Code
Sec. 8-230(a). – Vacant and Abandoned Structures
Sec. 8-246. – Penalty

ADOPTED, APPROVED, AND PASSED by the City Council of the City of Romulus this 28th day of December 2020.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the Ordinance as passed by the City Council of the City of Romulus at a regular Council Meeting held electronically via the Zoom meeting/telecommunication platform on the 28th day of December, 2020.

I further certify that the foregoing was published in the Associated Newspapers, a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Romulus, on the 14th day of January, 2021.

ELLEN L. CRAIG–BRAGG, CMC,
Romulus City Clerk

COMPLETE COPY OF ORDINANCE ON FILE IN THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE, 11111 WAYNE ROAD, ROMULUS, MI.

Within forty-five (45) days after publication of any ordinance duly passed by the Council, a petition may be presented to the Council protesting against such ordinance continuing in effect. Said petition shall contain the text of such ordinance and shall be signed by not less than six percent (6%) of the registered electors registered at the last preceding election at which a Mayor of the City was elected. Said ordinance shall thereupon and thereby be suspended from operation and the Council shall immediately reconsider such ordinance.

Introduced:	12-14-2020
Adopted:	12-28-2020
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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
December 28, 2020
Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Rd, Romulus, MI 48174
MEETING HELD ELECTRONICALLY
VIA ZOOM MEETING/TELECOMMUNICATION

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem, John Barden.
Pledge of Allegiance
Pledge of Allegiance – led by Councilman William Wadsworth.
Roll Call
Present: Kathy Abdo, John Barden, Celeste Roscoe, Tina Talley, William Wadsworth, Virginia Williams
Absent / Excused: Eva Webb
Administrative Officials in Attendance:
Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk
Administrative Staff in Attendance:
Stephen Hitchcock, City Attorney
Julie Wojtylko, Chief of Staff
D'Sjonaun Hockenhull, Deputy Clerk
Stephen Dudek, Technology Services

1. Agenda
A. Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** for approval of the Agenda. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

2. Minutes
A. Res. No. 20-345 Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to approve the Minutes from the Regular Council Meeting held on December 14, 2020.
Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Williams
Abstain - Celeste Roscoe. **Motion Carried.**

B. **Res. No. 20-346** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve the Minutes from the Special Meeting - Study Session held on December 14, 2020, at 6:00 pm to discuss the Midyear Financial Presentation. Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Williams
Abstain - Celeste Roscoe. **Motion Carried.**

3. Petitioner - None

4. Chairperson's Report, John Barden, Mayor Pro-Tem
The Mayor Pro Tem wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. **Res. No. 20-347** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to adopt a Memorial Resolution in honor of Wayne County Sheriff Benny Napoleon. **Motion Carried Unanimously.** Under discussion, Councilpersons Barden, Talley, Wadsworth, and Williams all commented on their acquaintance with the late Wayne County Sheriff.

A. Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to accept the Chairperson's Report. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

5. Mayor's Report – LeRoy D. Burcroff, Mayor
The Mayor's Report was presented by the Chief of Staff, Julie Wojtylko.

A. **Res. No. 20-348** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to approve and concur with the administration and award RFP 19/20-04 to the lowest, most responsive bidder, CivicPlus, for the redesign and hosting of the City's existing website and/or mobile application for 1 year in the amount of $26,699.00 with a recurring annual Hosting and Security fee for as long as the website is operational and able to be budgeted for. Year 2 will be for $5,926.00, and the agreement allows for a 5% annual increase beginning year 3. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

B. **Res. No. 20-349** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to approve and concur with the administration to the Piggyback on MiDeal Contract #071B7700117 with Dominion Voting Systems Inc., for the purchase of one (1) ICC G2140 High-Speed Scanner and one (1) Adjudication System with Mobile License at a total cost of $51,947.12. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

6. Clerk's Report – Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk

A. **Res. No. 20-350** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to approve the Second Reading and Final Adoption Amendment(s) to City Code of Ordinance, Chapter VIII; Section 8-20, Section 8-212, Section 8-230(a); Section 8-246. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

B. **Res. No. 20-351** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to approve the Study Session Request from Mayor Burcroff for 01/04/2021 at 6:00 pm to discuss the Court's Midyear Financial Presentation. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

C. **Res. No. 20-352** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to approve the Study Session Request from Maria Farris, Director of Finance, for 01/11/2021 at 6:00 pm to discuss the Audit Presentation. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

D. **Res. No. 20-353** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to approve the Study Session Request from Merrie Druyor, TIFA Director & Economic Development Coordinator for 1/25/2021 at 6:00 pm to discuss Economic Development Tools & Incentives. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

E. **Res. No. 20-354** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve the Study Session Request from Roberto Scappaticci, Director of DPW, for 2/1/2021 at 6:30 pm to discuss Truck Route Maps. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

F. **Res. No. 20-355** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Virginia Williams** to approve the adoption of the Remote Participation in Public Meetings Policy. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

7. Treasurer's Report – Stacy Paige, Treasurer

8. Public Comment
A resident commented and asked questions regarding a sign ordinance that addresses signs on city property and city right-of-ways. Gina Wilson Steward of Telegram Newspaper commented and asked questions concerning the bidding process for official newspapers and wanted to know when she would receive a response to her questions raised at the 12/14/2020 council meeting.

9. Unfinished Business

10. New Business

11. Warrant
A. Res. No. 20-356 Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** for approval of Warrant #: 20-24 Checks presented in the amount of $912,736.84. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

12. Communication
Councilwoman Talley commented on the following Acts of Kindness within the City of Romulus during the pandemic - Holiday Giveaway of free gas sponsored by 3 Romulus High School Alumni students; John Osborne of Osborne Concrete - donation to Romulus High School for Food Baskets; several local churches we also recipients of local food baskets; Romulus Fire Department - mask distribution to senior facilities and local churches for residents.; Virtual Learning Survey for families that may need assistance with student learning.; the Councilwoman also commented on the Financial Report presented by Finance Director Maria Farris.

13. Adjournment
Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 p.m.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

I, Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on December 28, 2020.

Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, City Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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CANTON - PLYMOUTH - SUMPTER

Canton library continues to provide services

The Canton Public Library is open to the public from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Saturday. The facility is open from 1 until 5 p.m. on Sunday.

The library is offering 60-minute computer and equipment-use sessions, 30-minute browsing and reference help sessions. Patrons are required to wear a mask and practice social distances in the building. Services have been adapted to offer online ordering and library users can then come into the library to pick up items from the hold shelf or make an appointment to pick up the ordered materials in the library lobby. Users will need to make an appointment and library staffers will have the ordered items waiting at the lobby desk, already checked out on individual library cards.

Library patrons can also choose curbside pickup and staff members will bring items out to waiting cars. This service, too, requires an appointment and then a call from the designated parking spaces when the patron arrives.

E-books, e-audiobooks, movies and TV series are available from the library using the internet which also allows patrons to read online magazines and listen to music. Visit the e-media page for all options.

For more information about any library service, visit www.cantonpl.org or call (734)397-0999. The library is located at 1200 South Canton Center Road.

Museum awarded grant funds

The Plymouth Historical Society received a $28,000 grant from the Margaret Dunning Foundation which will be used to fund the completion of the restoration of the CSX caboose on the museum site. The grant was presented given in memory of Betty Barbour, a long-time volunteer at the Plymouth Historical Museum.

The project includes several aspects of restoring the caboose, delivered to the museum grounds in 2019. Plans include finishing the exterior and interior of the railroad car for visitors to be able to safely enjoy the caboose. Electric power will be installed at the porches on each end of the caboose, to ensure a well-lit stairwell and doorways for the safety of visitors and security cameras will be installed to ensure the security of the railway car.

Weatherproof runners will be added to the interior for the protection of the floors and safety of visitors to the car.

"We are so grateful to the Margaret Dunning Foundation for the support of our caboose project, as well as all of the support it has provided the museum through the years," said Executive Director Liz Kerstens. "We are hoping to be able to open the caboose to the public by this summer, depending on the progress of COVID-19 and the vaccine."

The Plymouth Historical Museum is open to the public from 1 until 4 p.m. Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. It is located at 155 S. Main St., Plymouth. The Museum will be closed January 11-26 for an exhibit changeover to "First Ladies--Fashion Setters" which will open Jan. 27.

Since 1948, the Plymouth Historical Society (AKA "The Friends of the Plymouth Historical Museum), a non-profit 501(c)(3) educational and historical organization, has operated through the generosity of donors who value Plymouth history. The museum is dedicated to the historic preservation of artifacts and archival materials relating to Plymouth history specifically and American history generally. For more information access www.plymouthhistory.org.

The Margaret Dunning Foundation was founded by Ms. Dunning in 1997. She was born in 1910 in Redford Township and moved with her mother to Plymouth in the 1920s. During her lifetime, Ms. Dunning was a successful businesswoman, philanthropist, and civic booster. She was a major supporter of many Plymouth non-profits, including the Plymouth District Library and the Plymouth Historical Society. In addition to her personal philanthropy, Ms. Dunning was a classic car enthusiast and was a regular participant in the Woodward Dream Cruise with her 1930 Packard 740 Roadster.

Ms. Dunning died in 2015 at the age of 104. Her estate provided additional funding for the Margaret Dunning Foundation, which continues to support her charitable interests and legacy. For more information: www.margaretdunningfdn.org.

Door locks to be changed at Sumpter Township Hall

Members of the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees agreed by a 4-3 vote during a virtual meeting last month to change the locks on township hall doors.

Casting no votes on the proposal were Supervisor Tim Bowman, Treasurer James Clark and Trustee Peggy Morgan.

The change was apparently prompted by a request for an audit of keys to the building and concern regarding a key being provided to an employee by the supervisor.

Morgan said she felt changing the three locks was a "waste of money" as the supervisor had issued the key that had apparently prompted the proposed change. Morgan said that the police chief was aware that the individual in question had a key and the entrance code. Morgan said the change was "ridiculous" as the employee's access to the building could easily be tracked.

Trustee Matthew Oddy, however, and Township Clerk Esther Hurst disagreed and noted that the locks had not been changed in several years and that it would be prudent after eight or nine years to have an audit to determine how many keys were out and who had them. They also suggested that the board members set a policy on the distribution of keys to the building.

Hurst explained that a key returned to her by an employee was a duplicate made at a hardware store which would put the security of the building in question.

Bowman noted that he understood the need for security at the building but was unaware that duplicate keys had been made. He said he did not understand the politics of the situation and that he did not realize that keys could be given to some employees but not others.

The board members agreed, too, by a 6-1 vote, that the clerk's office will have the sole responsibility to secure and issue all township hall keys and security codes at the direction and approval of the township board.

The dissenting vote was cast by Morgan.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
INVITATION TO BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, January 28, 2021 for the following:

PEDESTRIAN DOOR REPAIR AND REPLACEMENT - PUBLIC WORKS BUILDING

Bids may be picked up at the Finance and Budget Department, on the MITN Purchasing Group website at https://www.bidnetdirect.com/mitn/cantontownship or you may contact Mike Sheppard at: 734/394-5225. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of bid opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

MICHAEL SIEGRIST, CLERK

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon notice to the Charter Township of Canton.

In accordance with the requirements of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 ("ADA"), the Charter Township of Canton will not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities on the basis of disability in its services, programs, or activities.

Employment: The Charter Township of Canton does not discriminate on the basis of disability in its hiring or employment practices and complies with all regulations promulgated by the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission under Title II of the ADA.

Effective Communication: The Charter Township of Canton will generally, upon request, provide appropriate aids and services leading to effective communication for qualified persons with disabilities so they can participate equally in the Charter Township of Canton's programs, services, and activities, including qualified sign language interpreters, documents in Braille, and other ways of making information and communications accessible to people who have speech, hearing, or vision impairments.

Modifications to Policies and Procedures: The Charter Township of Canton will make all reasonable modifications to policies and programs to ensure that people with disabilities have an equal opportunity to enjoy all of its programs, services, and activities. For example, individuals with service animals are welcomed in the Charter Township of Canton's offices, even where pets are generally prohibited.

Anyone who requires an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication, or a modification of policies or procedures to participate in a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton should contact the office of Barb Brouillette, Human Resources Coordinator, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5260 as soon as possible but no later than 48 hours before the scheduled event.

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PLANNING COMMISSION
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Michigan Public Act 110 of 2006, of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on **Monday, February 1, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.** by electronic remote access on the following proposed Special Land Use request as provided in Section 27.03 of the Canton Township Zoning Ordinance:

PURE DEVELOPMENT WAREHOUSE AND MATERIAL DISTRIBUTION CENTER - Consider request for Special Land Use approval for a warehouse and distribution center as required in Section 21.02(B)(5) of the Zoning Ordinance on parcel nos. 127-99-0020-000 at 48630 Michigan Ave., 127-99-0019-000, 127-99-0018-002, 125-99-0002-706, 127-99-0017-000, 127-99-0016-000, and 127-99-0009-000. Property is located north of Michigan Ave. between Denton Road and Beck Road. The Charter Township of Canton is also in the process of considering a separate zoning amendment application to zone the property to LI-R, Light Industrial Research.

To mitigate the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic, protect the public health, and provide essential protections to Canton Township residents; the Canton Township Planning Commission will conduct its meeting on Monday, February 1, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. by video teleconference in accordance with Michigan law.

Public comments may be submitted to patrick.sloan@canton-mi.org at any time prior to the meeting. Additionally, written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Township Administration Building at 1150 S Canton Center Rd., Canton, MI 48188 by 4:30 p.m. on Monday, February 1, 2021. The Secretary or staff will read comments submitted within the Rules of the Planning Commission during the meeting. Members of the public who attend by telephone or video may address the Planning Commission during the public hearing period via videoconference.

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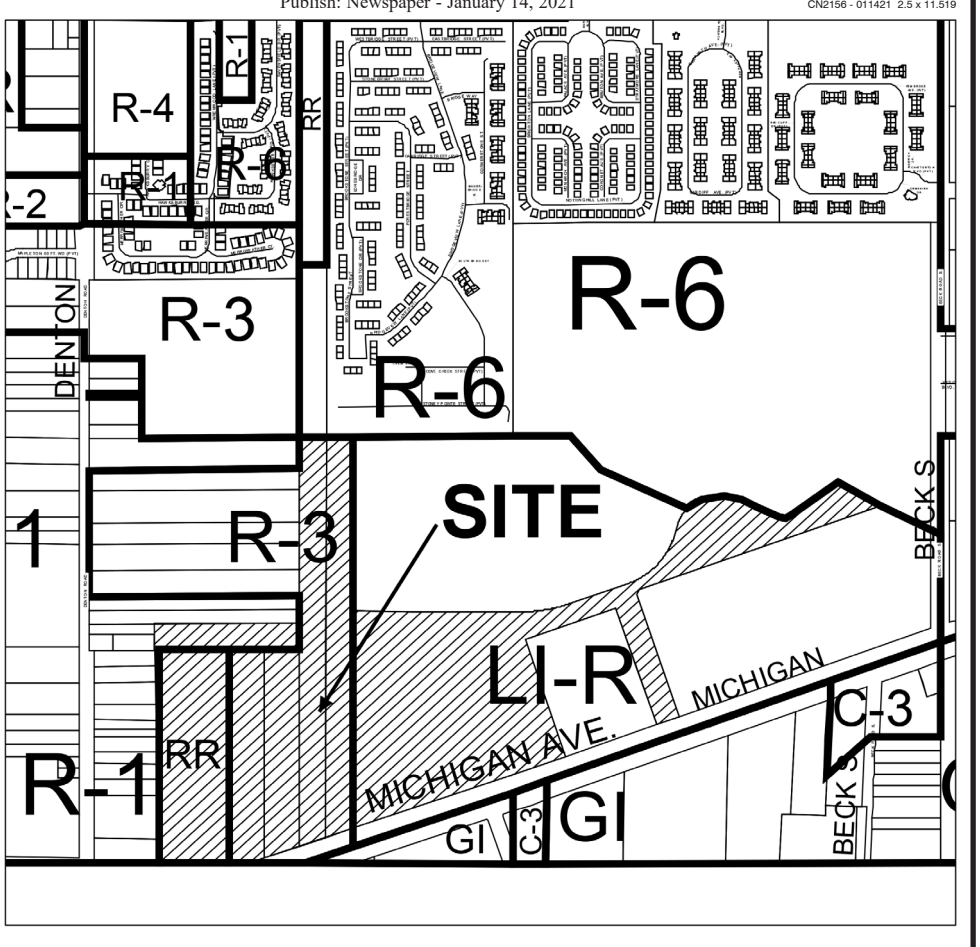

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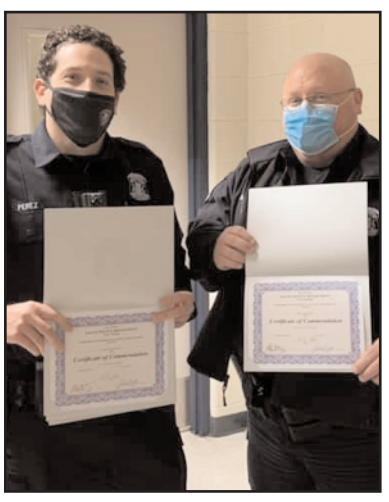
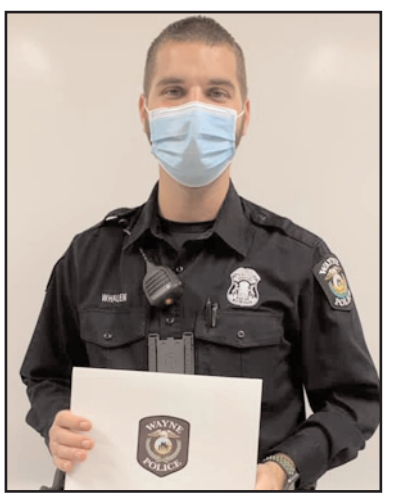
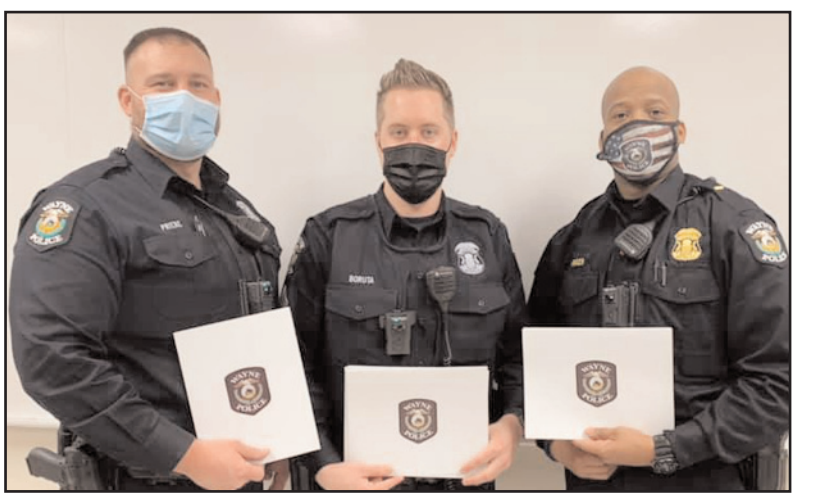
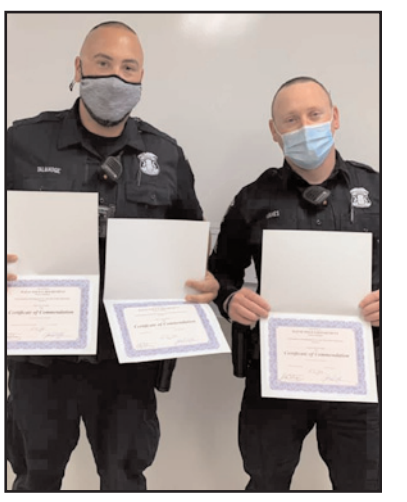





City of Wayne Police Department honors officers

The Wayne Police Department honored several officers for exemplary performance during 2019 recently in presentations delayed by the pandemic.

The police awards committee, which includes Chief of Police Ryan Strong and several patrol and command officers, met and reviewed incidents from throughout the year in making the selection for the honors. The members of the committee met early in 2020 to honor officers' performance in 2019, hoping to have the traditional in-person ceremony to celebrate the awards. As the pandemic prevented the usual ceremony, as it has in most area police departments, Strong recognized all the award recipients on their individual shifts during the past few weeks, according to a department spokesman.

The awards were based on a variety of incidents and performance by officers, including safely de-escalating mental health emergencies, safely arresting dangerous and armed suspects without incident, recovering stolen property, investigative work leading to the arrest of a sexual assault suspect, and many other examples of exemplary police work..

One of the highest honors in the department, the Meritorious Service Award was presented to Lt. Springer, Sgt. Amore, and Ofc. Colwell.

The Lifesaving Award was presented to Ofc. Whalen and commendations were presented to Lt. Springer, Sgt. Hughes, Sgt. Amore, Sgt. Perez, Sgt. Boruta, Ofc. Jagotka, Ofc. Talmadge, Ofc. Bolton, Ofc. Colwell, Ofc. Whalen and Ofc. Williams

The prestigious Chief's Award for 2019 went to Sgt. Perez, Sgt. Boruta, Ofc. Arndt, Ofc, Bolton, Ofc. Colwell and Ofc. Priebe.

Mayor names 5 residents to Ethics Commission terms

Mayor William R. Wild has named five residents to complete the City of Westland Ethics Board and has made changes to the city Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Commission.

The Ethics Board consists of five members who serve three-year terms. The members are charged with issuing written opinions regarding ethical questions and are expected to engage in activities to promote ethical behavior in the city.

Named to the board were Lori Wilson, a longtime Westland resident who has served on the city planning commission for more than 20 years. Wilson is a retiree of AM General LLC where she worked for 45 years as the configuration and data manager, working under military contract in support of the Tactical Wheeled Vehicle STS Engineering Department.

She will be joined by Michael Williams, the president and CEO of Orchards Children's Services, the largest foster care and adoption agency in the state. Williams is the former mayor of Albion and has an extensive educational background, including a master's degree in guidance and counseling, has completed a program at Harvard University on strategic perspectives in non-profit management and a neighborhood builders program for leadership. Williams, a longtime city resident, has served on the Planning Commission for more than three years.

Also named to the board was Daniel Stachow, a 40-year resident of the city. Stachow retired from General Motors after 44 years of employment. He is a veteran and the president of the Wayne-Westland Veterans Parade Council. Stachow has served on both the Westland Board of Review and Compassionate City Committee.

Don Nicholson, a 45-year resident of the city, was also named to the board. Nicholson has served on the City of Westland Parks and Recreation Advisory Council and the Disability Concerns Committee, where he served as chairperson. He is the owner of Don Nicholson Enterprises, LLC. which has provided services to the Wayne-Westland communities for 25 years.

Nicholson was the Westland 2015 Business Person of the Year. He is the president of the Westland Chamber of Commerce, president of Friends of Nankin Mills, winner of the Governor's Award for Tourism Partnership 2016 and organizes Cruisin' Hines, the Wayne Road cruise.

Named to the board, too, was Deborah Thomas who has an associate's degree in business administration from Henry Ford Community College.

Thomas currently works in human resources and has served as a research analyst for the U.S. Marshal Service.

In addition to those appointments, Steven Thomas, a former alternate serving on the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Commission, has been appointed to a three-year term.

Ebonite Guyton has also moved from serving as an alternate to serving a two-year term.

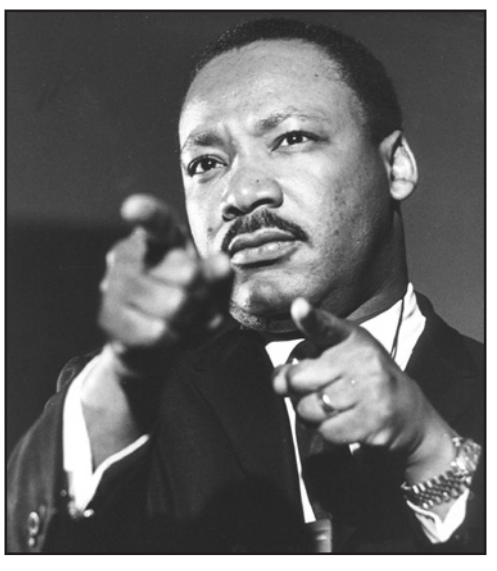
The changes were necessitated by the resignations of commissioners Elnora Ford and Fabiola Sanchez Santos.

Sheree Conn was appointed to serve as an alternate on the commission. She received her BA/MBA in general business with and has a professional background in business management and civil construction. Conn has served on the city Parks and Recreation Advisory Council and is active with the Wayne-Westland Community School District.

Virtual celebration set for Martin Luther King Day

The celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King Day in Westland will take place virtually this year to protect the public from the threat of COVID-19.

The event is set for 10 a.m. Monday, Jan. 18 and will be a pre-recorded retrospective of previous celebrations in the city. Highlights will include excerpts from notable keynote speakers such as Wayne County Sheriff Benny Napoleon, Andrew Humphrey of WDIV, Huel Perkins of Fox 2, Honorable Judge Cynthia Stephens, journalist and talk show hostess Mildred Gaddis and Wayne County Community College Chancellor Dr. Curtis Ivery and others. The event will also showcase past years of musical performances and the City Freedom Walks, which were conducted to honor all of those who marched with Dr. King more than 50 years ago.



"The City of Westland has celebrated the life and legacy of Dr. King for over 15 years," commented Mayor William R. Wild. "We continue that tradition in a virtual format, this year and reflect on the messages of the past that still hold true today."

The virtual celebration can be seen on WLND (Comcast channel 12, Wide Open West channel 10 and AT&T U-Verse channel 99), Facebook and the WLND YouTube Channel.

For more information, call (734) 467-3200.

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A Community March will begin at 9:00 a.m.
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A short program will be held at 10:00am following the march at
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NORTHVILLE

No place like 'gnome'
Special scavenger hunt begins throughout downtown area

There's no place like gnome.

The Northville Downtown Development Authority and Northville Art House have partnered to cultivate the Gnome Around Northville event throughout downtown Northville. The creatures have invaded the community and the hunt for them can be very rewarding, officials said.

The goal is to find all 23 gnomes during the free, public event designed for all ages.

The starting clue reads "Start this Scavenger Hunt with a Gnome in the CENTER of it all, at a business in the STATE that helps people personalize their insurance plans. She is not a "FARM"er or from BOSTON but is a long time Michigander."

This is a driving/walking scavenger hunt throughout downtown Northville. A map of downtown can be found at https://www.downtownnorthville.com/1/163/files/NDDA_WalkingMap_August2017_web.pdf

Participants are encouraged to take a photo of the clue for reference during the events. There are 15 clues and 23 Gnomes that will help participants make their way around Northville. Spread the word by using the hashtag #GnomeAroundNorthville when posting selfies taken throughout the community. The Scavenger Hunt will end Jan. 31 with a drawing for the $100 Northville Chamber Gift Check winner Feb. 1.

One randomly drawn person will win a $100 Northville Chamber Gift Check. So, finish this hunt with a bestie or family then enter to win by posting a selfie to social media and completing the digital form listed on the final clue.

School board installs winner of tie-vote random drawing

James Mazurek has been officially sworn into office as a member of the Northville Schools Board of Education.

His election was not without controversy as the Nov. 3 vote resulted in a tie vote of 7,856 votes each for Mazurek and candidate Kimberly Campbell-Voytal. A tie-vote random draw, supervised by the Wayne County Board of County Canvassers on Nov. 25, selected Mazurek although Campbell-Voytal requested a recount by the county board the same day.

A three-day hand recount of the ballots again resulted in a tie vote total between the two candidates. Members of the Wayne County Board of Canvassers voted 2-2 on Dec. 22 not to initiate a second random-draw process which had been requested by Campbell-Voytal. Under Michigan law, the Board of County Canvassers is in charge of canvassing votes and certifying the winner in a school board election, according to district officials. Mazurek presented the secretary of the Northville Schools Board of Education with a certificate of election issued by the Wayne County Clerk. Members of the board of education have no authority or discretion to reject a certificate as untimely or invalid, absent a court order to the contrary, noted Superintendent of Schools Mary Kay Gallagher. Mazurek was the only candidate who presented a certificate of election for the fourth vacancy, prior to the start date of the term of office. As such, district officials received the Acceptance of Office Form submitted by Mazurek, and administered the oath of office as required by state law.

> *We are grateful for the strong support of our school community as we partner together to meet the needs of our students and our families.*

In the event of litigation, and/or further action by the Wayne Board of County Canvassers to complete their statutory duties, Gallagher said in a prepared statement, the Northville Public Schools Board of Education members and the school district would welcome a definitive outcome to the election. She said the district and board members are prepared to "welcome and work with either of the two candidates, each of whom have equally strong community support given the results of the election."

Gallagher added, "The 2020 election serves as a reminder of the importance and value of every vote. Northville Public Schools is fortunate to be led and guided by a dedicated board of education, and to have a strong candidate pool of individuals willing to serve in this capacity. We are grateful for the strong support of our school community as we partner together to meet the needs of our students and our families."

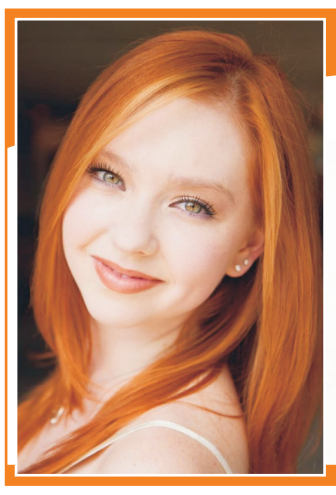
Contract agreements with 2 police unions are ratified

The City of Northville and two police unions have ratified a new union agreement.

Members of the Northville City Council approved the tentative agreement with the Command Officers Association of Michigan and the Patrol Oficers Association of Michigan. The four-year contract will become effective Jan. 1, 2021.

The contract calls for a wage increase of 3 percent in the first year and 2.5 percent in years two, three and four. In addition, permanent 12-hour shift language was added and operational changes such as promotions, discipline, and shift bids were implemented.

City labor attorney Steve Schwartz negotiated the contract along with City Manager Pat Sullivan, Police Capt. Greg Hannewald, Finance Director Sandi Wiktorowski and Chief of Police Alan Maciag.



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CITY OF ROMULUS
PUBLIC HEARING - DEMOLITION 20-01
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2021
6:00PM

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the City of Romulus City Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, February 8, 2021 at 6:00 pm. This hearing will be held electronically via Zoom Meeting / Telephone conference for the purpose of hearing objections to demolition and/or removal of debris on the herein described properties:

1. **6980/6984 Birchdale (Remains of Fire Damaged Structure)** 01F821 LOT 821 SUPERVISORS ROMULUS PLAT NO13 T3S R9E L 68 P 59 WCR

2. **11398 Harrison (Single-Family Residential Structure)** 24H2A2 THAT PART OF THE N W ¼ OF SEC 24 DESCRIBED AS BEG AT A POINT ON THE N AND S ¼ SEC LINE DISTANT DUE N 999.07 FT FROM THE CENTER ¼ COR OF SEC 24 AND PROCEEDING TH N 89D 12M 30SEC W 238 FT TH DUE N 97 FT S 89D 12M 30SEC E 238 FT TH DUE S ALONG THE N AND S ¼ SEC LINE 97 FT TO THE POB 0.53 ACRE

3. **16447 Middlebelt (Commercial Structure)** 36R1A1 W 550 FT OF N 3/5 OF SW ¼ OF SW ¼ OF SEC 36 T3S R9E EXC E 5.0 AC THEREOF ALSO EXC S 2 AC OF N 792 FT OF WEST 1039.50 FT OF SW ¼ OF SW ¼ SEC 36 9.03 ACRES

4. **35053 Park Place (Single-Family Residential Structure with attached garage)** 04F51 52 LOTS 51 AND 52 JONES SUBURBAN SUB T3S R9E L69 P83 WCR

5. **5873 Wayne (Single-Family Residential Structure)** 05A105A1 LOT 105 EXCEPT THE E 200 FT THEREOF SUPERVISORS'S ROMULUS PLAT NO 6 T3S R9E L68 P48 WCR

6. **6031 Wayne (Single-Family Residential Structure, shed)** 05A95 LOT 95 SUPERVISOR'S ROMULUS PLAT NO 6 T3S R9E L68 P48 WCR

7. **37147 Wick (Single-Family Residential Structure, Polebarn, garage)** 17W THE NE ¼ OF THE NW ¼ OF THE NW ¼ OF SEC 17 10.10 ACS

8. **32185 Ecorse (Single-Family Residential Structure, Garage, Mobile home used as an accessory structure)** 10C2A THAT PART OF THE NE ¼ OF SEC 10 DES AS BEG AT A POINT ON THE N LINE OF SAID SEC DIS DUE EAST 402.17 FT FROM THE N ¼ CORNER OF SEC 10 AND PROC TH S 1D 10M 12SEC W 697 FT. TH DUE EAST 125 FT. TH N 1D 10M 12SEC E 697 FT. TH DUE WEST ALONG THE N SECTION LINE 125 FT TO THE POB 2.00 ACRES

9. **11528 Whitehorn (Fire Damaged Single-Family Residential Structure, Garage, Shed)** 20A31A TO 33 BL27 LOT 31 EXC THE S 10 FT OF THE W 30 FT ALSO LOTS 32 AND BLOCK 27 THE JUNCTION SUB BLOCK 27 T3SR9E L17 P34 WCR

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Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, CMC
City Clerk

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League

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past, rather than on Zoom, drew well in part because of a press person attending and giving advance publicity. "We still did the best we could," she noted.

"The league is a trusted source of nonpartisan information," said Bowman. Individual communities such as Belleville received their own voter guides.

The remote Zoom forums didn't mean securing a venue and they cost less, but Bowman and fellow LWV volunteers still hope to return to in-person forums after the pandemic. "It also seems there is more interest" in person, she said. "The public couldn't attend the Zoom forums."

That meant seeking questions ahead of time, with voters watching prerecorded forums.

Of Vote411.org, Bowman noted, "Michigan is one of the strongest users." Compiling the information takes time and effort, but is also rewarding for volunteers, she said.

League of Women Voters of the United States President Dr. Deborah Turner, CEO Virginia Kase, and the full board of directors issued a statement in response to the violent demonstrations at the U.S. Capitol last week.

"This is a dark day in the history of the United States of America. Today's activity on Capitol Hill should have been a procedural exercise to finalize the 2020 election. Instead, our nation's Capitol was attacked by domestic terrorists seeking to invalidate the will of the people.

"The actions by these terrorists have had no impact on the results of the election. This violent mob was encouraged by an outgoing president who lost reelection in a free and fair election.

"Donald Trump has emboldened and empowered violent agitators, perpetuated dangerous conspiracy theories, and dishonored the office of the president. Furthermore, the members of Congress who continuously lie to the American people about the proven legitimacy of this election are also responsible for today's horrific events. There is blood on their hands.

"The League of Women Voters of the United States calls on President Donald Trump to concede the election immediately. We call on all members of Congress to respect the certification process, condemn the actions of these terrorists, and support a peaceful inauguration on January 20."

Highway

FROM PAGE 1

as futuristic as it sounds as drones are already used for delivery in Western Wayne County according to Krause. He said it won't be too long before drones might deploy directly from local fire stations-and that's just the start of the possibilities.

"We want to be a part of the tech as it evolves," Krause said. "We train for issues with the airport, with trains. We're trained [to think] what are the hazards? We want to be a part of the conversation early on to get ahead of the hazards."

Girdwood confirmed that officials from both the Federal Aviation Administration and NASA are working with drone manufacturers.

"Now you'll see the city of Romulus integrate where you can see drones and pilots, where they are in the air, what drones are flying," Girdwood said.

The biggest apparent challenge he said is to determine which drones have approval.

"This is the biggest apparent challenge: mapping out who is where and what has approval to fly. It's an entire new infrastructure," Girdwood said.

"Maybe the next century for southeast Michigan is putting the world in the sky," he added.

Area schools plan for in-person classes

Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's announcements last week indicated her goal of returning students to in-person classes in March was met with appreciation by most parents in the area.

The governor's goal is consistent with the plans of some district officials in the area while others have already begun in-person classes for some grade levels.

Most districts have plans to utilize a combination of in-person and online instruction for both elementary and secondary educational classes. Students will be expected to wear masks at all times while in school buildings and they will most likely experience changes to prevent any crowd contact. Students can expect to eat lunch at their desks or in their individual classrooms rather than the school gym or cafeteria in an effort to slow the spread of the Cornoavirus which is currently at an all-time high across the country.

In Northville Public Schools, high school students were scheduled to return to a combined system of both in-person and virtual classes on Monday. Middle school students will also return to a hybrid/core model while elementary students are were scheduled to return to in-person classes Monday.

In the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools dictrict, elementary students will be in a remote-learning format until at least Jan. 15, officials said. Remote learning resumed Jan. 4 following a two-week holiday recess.

A plan to return middle school and high school students to in-person learning was still unresolved last week. Remote learning for both middle school and high school students in the district have been in place since the beginning of the school year.

Romulus Community Schools Board of Education members were expected to vote this month on a plan to return students to in-person learning. The district has been offering virtual classes since early last year and voted Oct. 26 to remain in virtual learning through the end of the first semester, Jan. 22, 2021.

In the Van Buren Community School District, students have been issued Chromebooks at all grade levels to continue off-site or virtual learning. The board of education members and school board members are expected to meet this month to again discuss a schedule for returning to in-person classes at all buildings.

In the Wayne-Westland Community Schools, in-person classes have been suspended since early last year. District officials said they plan to return to in person classes for the first time since March on Jan. 19.

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any knowledge of the death. She eventually named Clark and Harrington as the assailants in response to the threats. Clark and Harrington were convicted of first degree murder in February of 2003.

Following their release, the pair has begun efforts to improve their community and help less-fortunate in the city. Harrington founded a nonprofit organization called the Blessed and Highly Favored Foundation. He said he and Clark distributed more than 1,000 turkeys to Inkster residents before Thanksgiving and have distributed coats and toys to needy Inkster residents.

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